

Review of Waste Policies



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Defra Structural Reform Plan - Priorities



1. Support and develop British farming and encourage sustainable food production...
2. Help to enhance the environment and biodiversity to improve quality of life...

3. Support a strong and sustainable green economy, resilient to climate change:

3.1 Drive a 'zero waste' agenda:

- i agree goals for 2014/2020 ... through **review of waste policies**
- ii explore voluntary **responsibility deals** amongst businesses
- iii repeal... powers for household charging
- iv ... promote increased **energy from waste through anaerobic digestion**

3.2 Reform the water industry to enhance competition and improve conservation...

3.3 Drive sustainable public sector practice across government...



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Waste and the product life-cycle

Extract raw materials

Produce

Supply /
Purchase

Consume

Discard

Collect



**design,
manufacture**



**distribution
& retail**



**consumption
patterns**



**repair &
re-use**



**effective
collection
mechanisms**

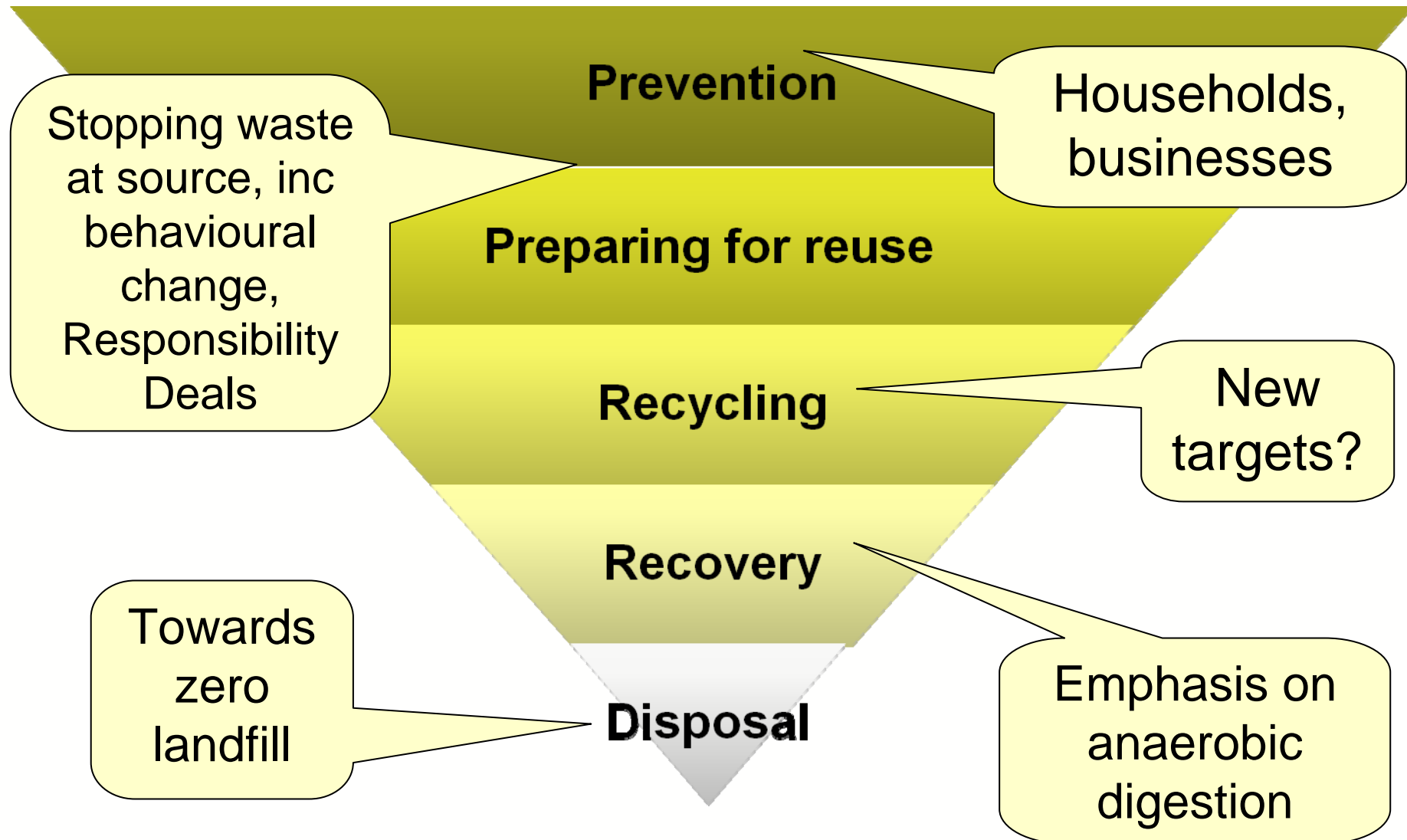


energy recovery / markets for re-use

reduce waste to landfill

Disposal

Review of Waste policy: addressing the whole waste hierarchy, and all players



Review of Waste Policies: the Coalition approach



- **Smaller role for Government:** intervening only where necessary (by conviction *and* affordability)
- **Big Society:** incentivising community and civil society engagement, including business
- **Localism:** priorities set where we live and work, not centrally (and regional tier removed)
- **Behaviour change:** seeking consensus in society and making it easy for people and businesses to do the right thing, at home and at work
- **Deregulation:** reducing the burden on business (regulations and enforcement) while recognising our EU obligations.

Emerging Themes for the Review?

- **Preventing Waste:** design, procurement, manufacturing, businesses & households.
- **Collecting Waste:** Getting the right balance between service, the environment and cost, for households and SMEs.
- **Business Waste:** Responsibility deals.
- **Energy from Waste/AD:** the right energy from the right waste
- **Waste and carbon budgets:** awaiting clarity on new system.
- **Green Economy:** what this means for British industry.
- **Europe:** continuing to meet landfill/waste framework directive targets, and engaging in dialogue on post 2020 EU role.

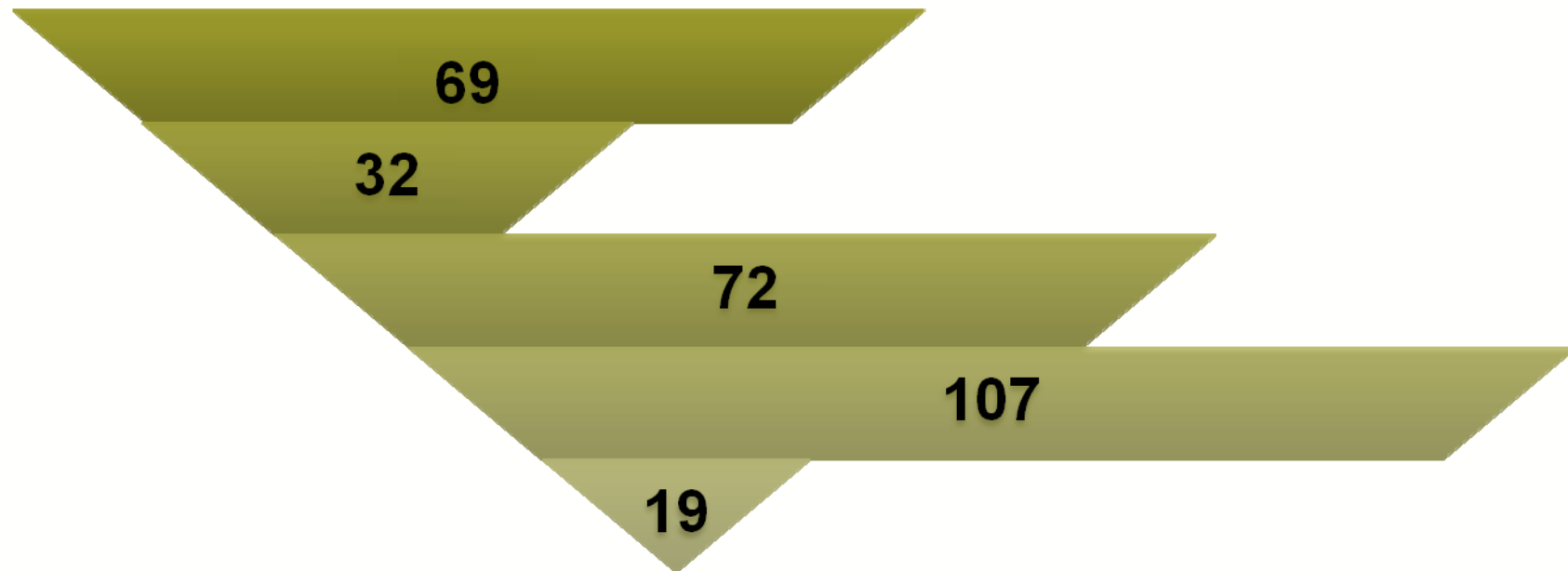
Wider Views

- **Canterbury event on 16 September** - heavy local authority and Councillor representation.
- **Further discussions with industry & local government:** Hull, Birmingham, Chester, Newcastle, Gatwick, London.
- **Key asks:** Be ambitious. Allow local solutions to flourish, yet standardise. Breakdown household / business segregation. Incentivise individuals and communities. Link waste and material policy.
- **Interactive website and online survey** saw better level of engagement than expected.
- **Call for Evidence** closed 7 October (300+ responses).

Interactive Website: The input

374 comments received in total.

75 comments on General Approach, with varying levels between other topics:



All comments are still on the Defra website

Interactive Website: General Approach



- Calls to value waste as a resource, then let market value drive it up the waste hierarchy.
- Mixed views on charging for waste.
- Concerns that the planning system will hinder our efforts
- Some favour voluntary 'Responsibility Deals', others prefer regulation instead.
- Need to focus on business waste as well as household.
- Keep costs of waste management down.

Interactive Website: Disposal

- Some calls for landfill bans on certain types of material.
- Several requests to open up civic amenity sites to businesses for reasonable charges
- Concerns over different tax levels for active and inactive waste (£48 p/t vs. £2.50 p/t)
- Finding value for materials would keep them from disposal.



Shelford, Kent

Interactive Website: Energy recovery

- By far the most engaged area. Points raised included:
- Concerns about overcapacity and availability of feedstocks.
- Concerns over wasting resources – especially if EfW suppresses recycling
- Many concerns about health impacts.
- Mixed views of anaerobic digestion and other technologies.
- Some calls to tax incineration.



Allington, Kent

Interactive Website: Recycling

- Some frustration/confusion over variable service provision
- Concerns over tonnage based recycling targets
- Mixed views on what collection services are best for locations
- Demand for more LA business waste collection services
- Calls for more plastic recycling from households

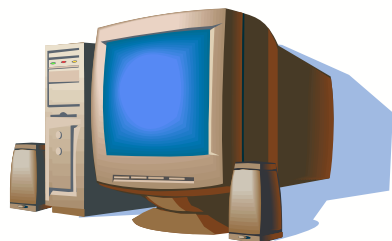


Bexley, Greater London

Timetable

- Draft SRP commits to Preliminary Findings in Spring 2011 (April/May).
- This will be not be the final story but probably a document for consultation.
- Cross-Departmental Project Board first met on 2 September, Lord Henley steering group on 7 Sep and 10 Oct, with regular engagement.
- Aim to have clear sense of direction by Christmas.

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